

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are requested for claims 6-16 in view of the following remarks.

As an initial matter, the Examiner is thanked for the telephone call of June 6, 2005 concerning the status of claim 11.

Status of the Application

Claims 6 and 11-16 were allowed. Claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated U.S. Patent No. 5,051,641 to Weh (the "Weh patent"). Claim 7 has been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

According to the Examiner, the Weh patent discloses each of the limitations of claims 7-10. Claim 7 has been amended to further recite a disk-shaped geometry for the rotor. This geometry is not taught by the Weh patent, and, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Weh patent does not anticipate claim 7. As each of claims 8-10 depends directly from claim 7, the Weh patent also does not anticipate these claims. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 7-10 be withdrawn.

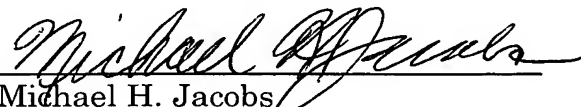
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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038741. 52724US).

Respectfully submitted,

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